

VILLALOBOS PAYS DEATH PENALTY

Condemned Murderer Died on Gallows at the State Prison Friday

PROFESSED HIS INNOCENCE

Wore a Bouquet of Roses as He Walked Firmly to the Gallows

Professing his innocence and forgiveness for those who have committed him to death, Ramon Villalobos, convicted murderer of Deputy Sheriff Phineas Brown, of Pinal county, died on the gallows at the State prison at Florence, Friday, December 10th.

Although he refused to eat during the day and declined to don a new suit of clothes presented by friends in town, he was apparently not affected in the slightest degree by the fact that he was going to meet his fate.

He walked steadily and without assistance to the platform, climbing the steel stairway with a firm tread. Bound hand and foot, he spoke briefly from the trap, repeating his profession of innocence, and then submitted to the attention of the guards, who adjusted the noose and the black cap.

He wore a bouquet given him by a guard.

His farewell to Warden Sims and the guards carried a touch of his Latin character with it. Besides shaking hands with each, he embraced those who superintended his death, holding each in his arms for a moment. Not a muscle of his face twitched, his eyes were clear and steady.

Father Peter Heriz, a priest of the Catholic Church, at Florence, prepared Villalobos for death. He was with the condemned man when he awoke in the morning; conferred with him again at 11:00 o'clock, and preceded him in the death march from the condemned cell to the death chamber. Father Heriz says he is convinced Villalobos was not guilty. This faith is shared by two officers of Pinal county, according to Warden Sims.

At the last moment attorneys for Villalobos served Warden Sims with a notice raising a question as to the legality of the execution without the attorney general being present. Assistant Attorney General George Harben, who was present as the accredited representative of the office of the attorney general, gave the warden a written assurance that it was not necessary for Mr. Jones to be present in this case.

At 2:45 p. m., Warden Sims called the guards who were to officiate at the death into the administrative building. There was a short conference and then preparations for the execution proceeded with rapidity and smoothness.

No time was lost. Before the march to the death chamber started, Villalobos said "Adios" to those about him and embraced his friends, the guards. He started for the gallows at 3:11 o'clock. At 3:12 o'clock he stood on the platform and was bound. He said:

"I am about to die. I am innocent. I have killed no one. I forgive everybody."

He spoke in Spanish and without a quiver in his voice.

The trap was sprung at 3:15 o'clock and fourteen minutes later the condemned man was pronounced dead.

The body of the murderer was given to friends in Florence. The funeral took place Saturday.

Villalobos was twenty-eight years of age. He was a native of the State of Jalisco, Mexico, but he had lived in Arizona since the age of sixteen.

The crime for which Villalobos paid the penalty, was committed on August 19th of last year, near Ray. The day before a horse had been stolen from Ray by a half-breed, Pete Smith, and Constable Phineas Brown started in pursuit of the thief, who was a member of a party of four Mexicans. The officer was ambushed and shot and with him was killed a boy, William Landry. Subsequently, two more young men were killed by the outlaws, Frank Bacon and Earl Miller.

The hunt was begun and continued until Pete Smith had been killed, one of the outlaws, named Ubaldo Amaya, and an unknown Mexican. The remaining member of the outlaws was supposed to be Antonio Lopez. He was later captured and was known to be Ramon Villalobos.

BROUGHT IN BOOZE

But Made Their Get Away as Usual and the Game Goes On

John Campbell was arrested Monday night, along with two traveling gents of the road, for disturbing the peace, as a result of an over indulgence in booze.

It seems that the aforesaid gents secured lodging for the night at the Hotel Olive Annex. About midnight, Deputy Sheriff Kane Wootan was awakened by loud talking in the hall. On investigating, he found John, who apparently, had a good-sized stew aboard, engaged in a lively altercation with the aforesaid gents.

Officer Lancaster was summoned and he arrested the three belligerents. Before starting for Solomonville, the officers found two bottles of whiskey, one on John and the other in the room of the traveling gents, who, by the way hit the town on Tuesday's northbound freight. The three were locked up for the night in the Solomonville jail.

Tuesday morning they were brought before Justice of the Peace Paxton and were arraigned on a complaint made by Sheriff Alger, charging them with disturbing the peace. Campbell pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.00. The traveling gents, who gave their names as Joseph Smith and Herbert Trutty, pleaded not guilty and on account of insufficient evidence, they were released from custody.

From the evidence given in the justice court, there was no doubt but that somebody was guilty of bootlegging. A complaint was made against Campbell for bootlegging and he was tried on the charge in the Justice Court Wednesday morning. Campbell's testimony implicated the traveling gents and as the officers could not furnish evidence enough to convict Campbell, he was acquitted.

In the meantime, while the county attorney and the sheriff were consulting in the matter, the two travelers who brought the whiskey into town Monday, carrying the juice in two small shoe boxes, having disposed of nearly all their stock, quickly left town without notifying anyone where they were going, so that the sheriff was unable to apprehend them. And so the story goes.

ARTISTS IN TOWN

J. E. McCall and R. M. Wood, both of Denver, Colo., publicity men, have been in town the past two weeks. These gentlemen are artists in their line of sign painting and have been busy ever since their arrival in town. Their work is now in evidence on the plate glass windows of the principal business houses of the town and valley.

DONATION PARTY

A donation party will be given next Monday night, December 20th, at the Safford Union Church. Everybody is invited to bring donations of clothing for boys and girls, from five to fifteen years and also provisions to be distributed among the poor of the vicinity.

The latest in Men's Dress and Auto Gloves, at the Solomon Commercial Co. adv-44-1t

Opera Company Is Organized

The Pennant Operatic Company was organized here Tuesday night. Messrs. Ten Broeck and Claydon are the promoters and will push the work with diligence.

Students of the High School, with prominent musical people of Layton and Safford, form the personnel of this organization. About forty people were present at the organization.

The first rehearsal was held last night, and two meetings weekly will be held until presentation of the first work, entitled, "Love and Football," is ready for presentation to the public.

WINS SILVER MEDAL

The Gila Valley Furniture and Hardware Store was awarded a special solid silver medal by the Ever Ready Works, of Long Island City, N. Y., for the fine window display and cooperation with the Ever Ready Sales Drive, October 1st to 9th. The medal is very handsomely designed and is a fine reward for the artistic window display last October.

Dairy Cattle for Sale

One hundred head of fine Jersey dairy cattle for sale. Apply to Safford Ice and Creamery Co., or Z. C. PRINA, Safford. adv-44-3t

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FOLLOWERS OF VILLA'S ARMY

During Villa's campaign in northern Mexico the customary scene as shown in photo is frequently enacted. The women and children of Villa's soldiers follow the troops and camp within sight of the battles

W. W. KERMEEN SANE

But Jury Finds that Faltin Is Insane and Cannot be Hanged

W. W. Kermeen, the Cochise county murderer, who, for a year has been in the Florence penitentiary under the sentence of death, was found sane Monday by a Pinal Superior Court jury.

The question as to the mental condition of Kermeen was raised several weeks ago by Warden Sims and the Board of Pardons and Pardoners recommended a reprieve until a jury decided whether or not the prisoner was insane.

A jury having found Kermeen mentally normal means the man will be executed January 7th, unless there is an unexpected intervention in his behalf.

William Faltin is insane. In the eyes of the law, the murderer of Carl Peterson, is an irresponsible person and cannot be hanged. This was according to a verdict brought in by a Pinal county jury late Wednesday night, after a deliberation extending over a period of four hours and a half.

The testimony of witnesses from among the guards and officials of the State prison, bearing upon the action of the prisoner while in the condemned cell, is said to have brought about the present verdict, and it has been stated on good legal authority that this evidence was sufficient to convince the jury, especially when coupled with the testimony of four physicians, who, in the capacity of alienists, maintained that the subject is of unsound mind.

COCHISE COUNTY VISITORS

Supervisor Wm. Riggs, of Cochise county, and his brother, B. K. Riggs, came over Monday night in their auto from the Riggs' Ranch, Dos Cabezas, on a business visit. They returned to their home Wednesday morning.

Reading Room in New Court House

A committee of the Woman's Club, consisting of Mrs. W. D. French, Mrs. W. R. Chambers and Mrs. W. E. McWhirt, met with the board of supervisors at its regular meeting for the purpose of interesting the board in a proposition to provide a reading and rest room in the new county court house.

The board was pleased to receive the committee and fully appreciated the interest shown by the Woman's Club in the welfare of the community.

The board decided to carry out the suggestion offered by the committee and will provide a reading and rest room in the new county court house.

Services at the Baptist Church

Rev. E. E. Gottberg announces services at the Baptist Church Sunday, as follows: Morning worship, 11:00 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "God's Christmas Gift." Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Special music and sermon, subject: "Where Is He." All are welcome to these services.

Big line of Jewellery of all kinds for Xmas presents, at J. R. WELKER & Co. adv-43-2t

ORGANIZE A LEAGUE

Clifton Citizens Form an Association for Mutual Protection

Citizens of Clifton to the number of more than one hundred have organized into what is known as the Clifton Citizens' League. Organization was completed at a meeting held at the Lower Clifton school house Friday night. W. S. Bradfield was elected permanent chairman and Peter Riley, secretary.

The object of the organization is for mutual protection in general against riots and disorders, for the protection of lives and property within the limits of the incorporated town of Clifton, and for law enforcement. The members of the league will ask to be appointed deputy marshals, to be under direct orders of the town marshal, and in cases of necessity will act in conjunction with and aid the city and county authorities.

A committee, consisting of W. D. Whipple, J. G. Gains, A. H. Slaughter, P. Riley and W. S. Bradfield was appointed to take the matter before the town council and the Greenlee county board of supervisors. The committee was armed with the following resolution, adopted unanimously by the organization:

"We, the undersigned, hereby agree to become members of the Clifton Citizens' League, and agree to accept appointments as deputy town marshals without pay, for the purpose of preserving law and order within the town limits of the town of Clifton."

Members of the league state that the organization is neither affiliated with or against the copper companies or the miners in the present difficulties, but that it is formed to see that justice is done in every instance and to protect lives and property in the case of disorders or riots.

Official recognition was given the League when the committee appeared before the town council Monday afternoon and presented the resolution creating the organization. Accompanying the resolution were the signatures of more than one hundred citizens who have already enrolled in the league.

All the signers to the petition for recognition will hereafter be recognized as deputy city marshals, and will be subjected to call of the city marshal in case of need to enforce the law within the corporate limits of Clifton.

Dope Fiend Robs Automobile

Wednesday night about 6:30, while Dr. Martin was enjoying his dinner at the Hotel Olive, a light-fingered gent purloined his obstetric grip from his auto in front of the hotel.

When he discovered his loss, he reported the theft to Sheriff Alger and Marshal Lancaster. Both officers got busy with their Sherlock Holmes' glasses and traced the missing grip to the railroad yards near the depot, where it was found.

A hasty examination of the grip revealed the loss of a hypodermic case and some morphine tablets, proving that the robber was a dope fiend.

The officers brought the grip to the doctor about 8:00 o'clock and started on a still hunt for the robber.

The Solomon Commercial Co. is carrying a full line of practical and useful Christmas gifts for each member of the family. adv-44-1t

THATCHER GROWING

Faulkner's Lumber Yard Is Completed--Big Six's New Building

W. C. Faulkner has had a large force of men busy for some time past on his new enterprise in Thatcher. He has purchased the large brick building, formerly occupied by the Big Six dry goods department, and also sufficient adjoining ground for a large lumber yard.

The large sheds, several hundred feet long, are completed. They are perhaps, the best lumber sheds in the State, built entirely on cement foundation and having a storage capacity of over 300,000 feet of lumber. In the adjoining buildings, Mr. Faulkner has storage room for two carloads of shingles and several cars of cement, litholite, plaster, etc.

There will be kept on hand a complete supply of all kinds of building material, including lumber of all kinds and grades, cement, shingles, plaster, window shades, doors, paints, oils, varnishes, building hardware, etc.

Mr. Faulkner expects to be ready to open for business by January 1st. The people of Thatcher say they have lots more room for just such enterprising men as Mr. Faulkner.

The new mercantile building now being erected by the Big Six, is nearing completion. It is a handsome building, with a front 50 feet wide and a depth of 63 feet. The best material and workmanship was used in its construction. When completed it will be one of the finest business houses in the valley.

The new building will be stocked with groceries and hardware, while the dry goods department will be in the old building, which is to have a new front to match the new building.

Thatcher is growing and its people are glad to realize the commendable business enterprise of the Big Six.

Wednesday Club Is Entertained

The Wednesday Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. A. E. Jacobson, at the Hotel Olive.

Besides the members of the club, the following invited guests were present: Mrs. W. D. French, Mrs. G. L. Horene, Mrs. Geo. S. Martin, Mrs. D. M. Hibner, Mrs. E. H. Larson, Mrs. I. E. Solomon and Miss Colton.

The guest prize, a pretty celluloid pin cushion, was won by Mrs. E. H. Larson.

Delicious refreshments, consisting of oyster patties, with lettuce and sweet pickles, nut cake and cocoa were served.

Kerby Declared To Be Insane

George Kerby, charged with the murder of his mother, Mrs. Leah Kerby, at their ranch, near Pima, November 9th, was brought into the Superior Court this morning.

A charge of insanity was made against Kerby by Sheriff Alger.

Several witnesses testified to their belief that Kerby was insane. Drs. Platt and Stratton examined Kerby and reported him insane, of a permanent nature, with homicidal tendencies.

Upon the recommendation of the doctors, Judge McAlister committed Kerby to the State Insane Asylum, at Phoenix.

THOMAS WINS GAME

Defeats Central Base Ball Club Saturday by a Score of 7 to 2

Central; excuse us for offending you.

Let's begin all over again. With one fell stroke we cut the Gordian knot and old scores and sore are wiped out.

It is the year one again. We have only today for sure, but while we are enjoying today, let's make it memorable and sociable by recounting before our camp-fires, the countless heroic deeds of our husky braves, just like the "Injuns used to do."

On Saturday, the "leventy leventh," as Tom Mc says, the Fort Thomas blood hounds jumped the Central wild cats and played cards on their sweater tails seven times, while the latter got two little measly bites. Bet they tasted spoiled, for "Zeke" got one of them on a faked body hit. Somebody says that "Zeke" said he had a dream tother night. Said he dreamed he saw the big letters "P. B.," which the guardian angel told him meant "Play Ball." We opine that "P. B." meant "Plow Beets," and that there was where he got the scab on his finger that he showed to Johnny Willis, saying: "See where you struck my hand?" Johnny says Zeke forgot to pull the scab off on his way round, being so excited over the prospects of stealing a run.

At the end of the first half of the sixth, the score was 2 to 0 in favor of Central. Thomas had donated two nice, juicy ones, just to bait a trap. What's the use of piking? Treat the stranger right. Suppose he does beat you. That won't cut any ice in a hundred years. So Thomas just sluffed two and accepted the handicap with consummate grace.

But say, the fire flew after that. In the last half of the sixth, Jinks walked up three pretty little men, who run around like automatons--nobody home but maw and she was washing. With three on bases and no one out, Carter whiffed the breeze. Then Johnny Willis tried a sacred hit and even at that went to first and Billy Mack scored. Tuttle fanned. Dewey Bryce doubled and brought in two more bucks. Matthews out at first. Side out.

Seventh inning and three more. F. Mack featured on a possible three full on aces. There were three on bases and he was ace high in the home hole. He drew a joker. The ball had business in Cochise county and was good for thirteen bases--any more we'd have said so. Billy, he's a runnin' yet.

In the eighth, Voelckel scored. Score: Seven clean ones to two scratches, in favor of Fort Thomas.

The line-up was as follows: Central--L. Jenkins, short stop and pitcher; Thomas, center field; D. Maloy, first base; J. Shirtz, short stop and pitcher; W. Jenkins, catcher; W. Craig, third base; F. Echols, right field; B. Whitmer, left field; J. Smith, second base.

Ft. Thomas--D. Bryce, second base; C. Matthews, first base; A. Voelckel, center field; W. Mack, catcher; H. Maloy, short stop; J. Carter, left field; F. Mack, third base; J. Willis, pitcher; F. Tuttle, left field.

Annual Meeting County Assessors

The State Tax Commission has definitely decided that the annual meeting of county assessors will be held in Phoenix, Monday, January 3, 1916, and notices containing this information have been mailed to all of those officials.

This meeting is provided for by the State law, and is designed to bring about a uniform system of taxation throughout the State. The work of making up the new assessment schedules will start immediately after this meeting, and it is hoped that the assessors will gain quite a lot of valuable information at the gathering which will materially aid them in making their rounds the coming year.

Beside the fourteen county assessors and the members of the State Tax Commission, it is expected a number of other county and State officials interested in taxation will attend the meeting.

FINE WINDOW DISPLAY

The windows of the Gila Valley Furniture and Hardware Store present a very fine holiday appearance. Many fine presents are artistically displayed and attracts the attention of the passerby.

A big line of Holiday Goods, also Silk Kimonas, just received at KRUPP'S STORE. adv-44-2t

FATAL ACCIDENT AT GIBSON MINE

"Tip" Henderson Is Killed, but His Partner Escapes Unhurt

MINERS CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN

Henderson an Old Arizona Pioneer and Well-known in the Gila Valley

William (Tip) Henderson, one of the old pioneers of Arizona and well-known miner, with his partner, J. B. Stivers, were entombed in a cave-in at the Gibson mine about 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The men were working in an upraise from the 300-foot level and had just finished retrimbering the ground and placing a bulk head, as the general character of the slope was becoming dangerous from frequent small cave-ins. While standing under the bulkhead, it was discovered that the ground was sluffing off in the old workings alongside the new timbers and Henderson started to descend although warned of the danger by Stivers.

The warning had scarcely been uttered when the ground commenced to run and Henderson was caught in the cave and hurled down the manway, leaving Stivers entombed under the new bulkhead and unable to move from his position.

The men were missed at noon and a party started out at once to search the mine. Henderson's body was discovered under the broken timbers and debris, badly crushed and life extinct.

Stivers was located in the upraise and rescued unhurt.

The body of Henderson was taken to Globe late Wednesday night. The deceased leaves three children to mourn his loss, Benjamin, aged 12; Robert, aged 9, and Lily, aged 7 years.

Henderson is one of a large family of whom three are residents of Globe. A sister, Mrs. Charles W. Holt, is employed in the post-office; R. L. Henderson is a carpenter and B. B. Henderson is a miner, who is also operating at the Gibson mine.

"Tip" was a member of the Globe Lodge of Elks in good standing. His long residence in the district gained for him a large circle of friends owing to his genial disposition. His life, however, was greatly saddened over the loss of his wife about two years ago.

WILL GO TO FLORENCE

Judge A. G. McAlister will leave here Sunday for Florence, where he will preside over the Superior Court of Pinal County on civil jury cases, in which Judge Baughn is disqualified, and will be away four or five days.

SULLIVAN IN TOWN

Joe Sullivan, secretary of the Graham County Chamber of Commerce, blew into town yesterday from Globe, where he is busily engaged in securing locators for government land in Graham county.

Attention Ladies!

Ladies' Tailored Suits, worth \$25.00; small sizes to close out at per suit, \$7.50. You cannot afford to miss this chance at J. R. WELKER & Co. adv-43-2t

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The Solomon Commercial Co. is showing a line of Hose recommended for its serviceable and fine wearing qualities. In all the wanted shades. As a Christmas gift, we know none better. adv-44-1t

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